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Case Control Unit, Attn: STB Ex Parte No. 582
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Re: Notice of Intent to Participate
Ex Parte No. 582

Dear Chairman Morgan:

Thank you for your invitation to participate in this proceeding and to present my views on the subject of major rail consolidations and the present and future structure of the North American railroad industry.

I am hereby respectfully withdrawing my request for time at the oral proceeding and will not be filing a written statement at this time.

I am submitting the original and ten copies of this notice as required by law. I would request that you waive the electronic submission requirement for this notice.

Sincerely,

Robert W.J. Mortenson
Director of Transportation